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at1119paper: Complete the Square, $b = \text{odd}$ (v509)

Example

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 61x = -910$$

Add $\left(\frac{-61}{2}\right)^2$, which equals $\frac{3721}{4}$, to both sides of the equation.

$$x^2 - 61x + \frac{3721}{4} = \frac{81}{4}$$

Factor the left side.

$$\left(x + \frac{-61}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{81}{4}$$

Undo the squaring.

$$\begin{aligned} x + \frac{-61}{2} &= \frac{-9}{2} \\ x &= \frac{61 - 9}{2} \\ x &= 26 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} x + \frac{-61}{2} &= \frac{9}{2} \\ x &= \frac{61 + 9}{2} \\ x &= 35 \end{aligned}$$

Question 1

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 27x = -50$$

Question 2

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 + 47x = 378$$

Question 3

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 55x = -414$$